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- 25X1 1. [] the barracks installation on Waltershaeuser Strasse, east of Schubertstrasse, Gotha (N 51/J 06), was guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. The barracks seemed to be occupied to capacity by troops who, according to local residents, had moved in on 23 August 1950. Motor vehicles [] but no guns or other heavy weapons were observed in the billeting area. *
- 25X1A 2. Gate guards in front of the barracks on Waltershaeuser Strasse, west of Schubertstrasse, wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Intensive activity was observed in the billeting area during the day of 28 August 1950 and all windows of the installation were lighted that night. Several groups of soldiers were observed training in the neighboring area. Two battery commander's telescopes were noticed with the troops. Motor vehicles [] were identified in the billeting area. **
- 25X1A * [] Comment. The report indicates that the two barracks installations on the northern side of Waltershaeuser Strasse were occupied to capacity in late August 1950. Only a few soldiers who, [] belong to a component unit of the 21st Gds Mecz Div, had been observed there []
- 25X1A The statement by local residents that the troops had moved in on 23 August 1950 is thus corroborated. [] the 39th and 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Divs and headquarters units of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps are concerned. It is known that the Hq XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps and the bulk of the two divisions were still at the troop training grounds of Ohrdruf and Kindel in mid-August 1950. It is not known if the barracks were only temporarily occupied by elements of various component units of the Eighth Gds Army, perhaps making up an army training center. According to unsubstantiated information of 1948 the barracks had housed motorized rifle units and tank units, probably of the Eighth Gds Army. []

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*~~SECRET~~ Comment. Contrary to the report [redacted] that the Gotha barracks were occupied by German Volkspolizei on 26 June 1950, it is believed that elements of the Eighth Ods Army are quartered in the Heeresflak Kaserne on the northern side of Waltershaeuser Strasse, west of Schubertstrasse, and in the Neue Kaserne (or Flak Kaserne) on the northern side of Waltershaeuser Strasse, east of Schubertstrasse. [redacted] German Volkspolizei units are assumed to be in the Alte Kaserne (or Infanterie Kaserne or 95th Regt Kaserne or Polizei Kaserne) on Puergerau and in the barracks installation (also called Flak Kaserne) on Ohrdrufferstrasse.

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